Reported rape of a female patient in Mental Hospital, Shahdra

317. SHRI ADINARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 3rd July, 1984 regarding misdemeanour of the medical staff of Mental Hospital of Shahdra towards a female patient;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said female patient had been raped by the staff of the Hospital; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the culprits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The matter is under investigation of C.B.I.

Production and sale of harmful drugs

318. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many drugs which have been banned in western countries as being harmful, are being produced and sold in India; and

(b) if so, what action Goernment propose to take in the mater?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) Out of 24 drugs, about which we have received information that they have been banned in some countries, 18 drugs have either been banned or not approved for marketing in the country. In respect of the remaining 6, a decision has been taken to permit marketing of them on the advice of technical experts keeping in view the medical needs of the country subject to a cautionary statement and contra-indication being given on the label/package insert in some cases.

Fair price shops in States

319. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fair price shops operating in each State as on the 1st June, 1984; and

(b) the number of such shops likely to be opened in each State during the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) According to the latest figures available with the Ministry, there were 3,02,360 fair price shops functioning in the country as on 1st January, 1984. State-wise break-up of the number of fair price shops is given in the Statement.

(b) While no specific target has been given to State Governments/UnionTerritory Aministrations as regards opening of fair price shops, detailed guidelines have been issued to them to achieve the target of one fair price shop for 2000 persons and give preference to cover areas which are remote, backward and sparsely populated. They have also been advised to accelerate the tempo of opening of fair price shops to achieve the target of one fair price shop for 2000 persons.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State/ U T	No of Fair Price Shops in the Country
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh . .	31,152
2	Assam	20,151
3	Bihar	38.711
4	Gujarat	10,591
5	Haryana	5,838
6	Himachal Pradesh . .	2.763

1	2	3
7	Jammu and Kashmir .	2,346
8	Karnataka . . .	15,707
9	Kerala	12,100
10	Madhya Pradesh . .	17,941
11	Maharashtra . . .	31,496
12	Manipur	1,256
13	Meghalaya . . .	2,001
14	Nagaland . . .	185
15	Orissa	19,341
16	Punjab	10,801
17	Rajasthan . . .	12,511
18	Sikkim	1,065
19	Tamil Nadu . . .	18,009
20	Tripura	917
21	Uttar Pradesh . . .	23,756
22	West Bengal . . .	18,824
23	A & N Islands . .	207
24	Arunachal Pradesh . .	287
25	Chandigarh . . .	230
26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli .	44
27	Delhi	2,854
28	Goa, Daman & Diu . .	421
29	Lakshadweep . . .	25
30	Mizoram	626
31	Pondicherry . . .	204
	TOTAL : .	3,02,360

Prices of edible oils

320. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what are the reasons that despite heavy imports and the increased indigeneous production of edible oils, their prices continue to rise and are higher during the current year as compared to that in the last year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): The rise in prices of indigenous edible oils is due to several factors including the continued impact of the drought of 192, low carry-over stocks at the beginning of the current oil year, increased demand and the increase in the prices of other commodities. Inadequate supply management of imported edible oils in some States and lack of adequate infrastructure to handle larger quantity of imported edible oils allocated to States are other problems, which are being tackled to ensure that the supplies to consumers are maintained.

Control of Floods

321. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state the steps Government have taken for regular dredging of river beds and what other preventive measures have been taken to check recurrence of floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Dredging of river beds for controlling the floods is not a techno-economically viable proposition. However, construction of embankments, drainage channels, anti-erosion and river training works, flood forecasting survey of flood plain zoning are some of the preventive measures for which substantially increased outlays have been provided during the Sixth Plan to tackle the flood problem.

Categorisation of Disease-prone States/Districts

322. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to categorise disease-prone States, Districts, etc.;